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(b) whether nux-vomica is one of such ;

(c) whether Government are aware that this is quite necessary for the ryots for the preparation of ploughs every year and that its leaves are a good manure for coconut palms ; and

(d) whether Government propose to remove nux-vomica from the list of such classified or reserved trees ?

A.—(a) The kumkidar cannot cut the following trees in kumki areas without the permission of the Government :—

Description of trees.

Botanical name.	Kanarese name.	English name.
Tectona grandis	Saguvani	Teak.
Dalbergia latifolia	Biti	Blackwood.
Pterocarpus marsupium	Benga	Kino.
Bassia longifolia and latifolia.	Ippe	...
Artocarpus hirsuta	Hebbalsu	Wild jack.
Artocarpus integrifolia	Halasu	Jack.
Diospyros ebenum and melanoxylon.	Karimara	Ebony.
Xylia dolabriformis	Tirwa or Jambe.	Ironwood.
Pongamia glabra	Honge	...
Myristica Malabarica	Ramapatri	Wild nutmeg.
Calophyllum elatum	Sribonne	Poonspur.
Hopea parviflora	Kiralbogi	...
Nux-vomica	Kasarka	...

(b) Yes.

(c) A low seigniorage rate was fixed for this tree in view of its usefulness to the ryots for agricultural purposes.

(d) The Government do not consider that such a course is necessary.

Mr. K. R. Karant :—" With reference to the answer given to clause (d), may I know the grounds on which the Government have given their answer ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" The Government see no reason to remove nux-vomica from the list of classified areas."

Mr. K. R. Karant :—" With reference to the answer to clause (b), may I know whether the Government will be pleased to call for a report from the Collector to verify what he has stated is correct or not ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" Yes, Sir."

Seigniorage fee for fuel trees in South Kanara.

* 108 Q.—Mr. K. R. Karant : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether a seigniorage fee of eight annas per cart-load is being charged in the case of darkhast in areas like Hebri in South Kanara for fuel trees ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the market value per cart-load of fuel in the locality will not even be two annas ; and

(c) whether Government propose to remove such anomalies and hardships ?

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A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Government are not aware that the fact is as suggested.

(*c*) The seigniorage rates were revised in August 1927 with reference to the marketing facilities of each locality. The Government see no reason to make any further revision at present.

Use of reserved trees in kumki lands.

* 109 *Q.*—Mr. K. R. Karant : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that permission to cut reserved trees of $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet girth is not given to kumkidars for building houses, etc. ; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that for building tenant-houses ordinarily trees of about a foot and a half girth are all that are necessary and useful, and further that most kumkis in South Kanara do not contain on an average trees of larger girth than $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet to 3 feet ?

A.—(*a*) Yes ; permits are not as a rule issued for the removal of reserved or classified trees under 4 feet in girth from kumki lands.

(*b*) The Government have not the information.

Ryots may cut and remove unreserved and unclassified trees from unreserved lands free for bona fide agricultural and domestic purposes. The holder of land to which kumki privileges are attached may enjoy the same privilege in the kumki land free of charge.

Assignment of lands in Mecheri village.

* 110 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total amount of assessed and unassessed wastes respectively (including land under sivayijama occupation) available for cultivation in fasli 1338 in Mecheri village, Rayadrug taluk, Bellary district ;

(*b*) whether out of the above extents roughly about 100 acres were under sivayijama occupation of Adi-Andhra ryots and 300 acres under that of caste ryots and whether the latter applied for patta of the lands in their enjoyment ;

(*c*) whether the Revenue Inspector went to the village and showed the sivayijama fields of the caste ryots to Adi-Andhras to know if they wanted any of them and whether the Adi-Andhras chose 100 acres out of the same and stated that they did not want the remainder and had no objection to its assignment to the caste ryots ;

(*d*) whether in addition to the above 200 acres of sivayijama land of caste ryots, there is yet about 500 acres of assessed waste land fit for cultivation, which the Adi-Andhras say that they do not need for their use and that it might be given to the caste ryots, and whether the Revenue authorities yet rejected all the applications of the caste ryots for the same ; and

(*e*) whether the average holding per head of the Adi-Andhras (including pattas and sivayijama) is double or treble that of the caste ryots ?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*e*) The Government have not the information asked for, but have called for a report.